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Dear Sir:

The initial period for response to the outstanding Official Action, mailed April 13, 2005 expired on June 13, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 petition is hereby made for a three-month extension of time up to and including August 13, 2005 in which to respond to the Official Action. Authorization is hereby provided to charge Deposit Account No. 06-0308. in the amount of \$1,020.00 for the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required. Credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 06-0308

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